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- 1. I VERY MUCH REGRET THAT REFTEL WAS NOT NIACT IMMEDIATE WHICH WOULD HAVE ENSURED RECEIPT BY ME ON WEEKEND. I BELIEVE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN APPROPRIATE --INDEED EXPECTED -- FOR ME TO HAVE CONFIRMED INFO RE \$500 MILLION GRANT TO FORMIN ALLON PRIOR TO YESTERDAY'S CABINET MEETING.
- 2. AS IT TURNED OUT, FIRST INKLING I HAD OF DEVELOPMENT WAS IN THIS MORNING'S JERUSALEM POST. I IMAGINE MY COLLEAGUES IN ARAB POSTS -- WHO ALSO CLOSE COMMUNICATIONS ON WEEKENDS -- WERE EQUALLY SURPRISED AND CHAGRINED. IT SEEMS ONLY POSTS WHO RECEIVED TIMELY NOTICE WERE LONDON, USUN, PARIS AND USNATO, ONE OF WHOM HAD SAME PRESSING NEED TO BE INFORMED AS NEA POSTS. KEATIN

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